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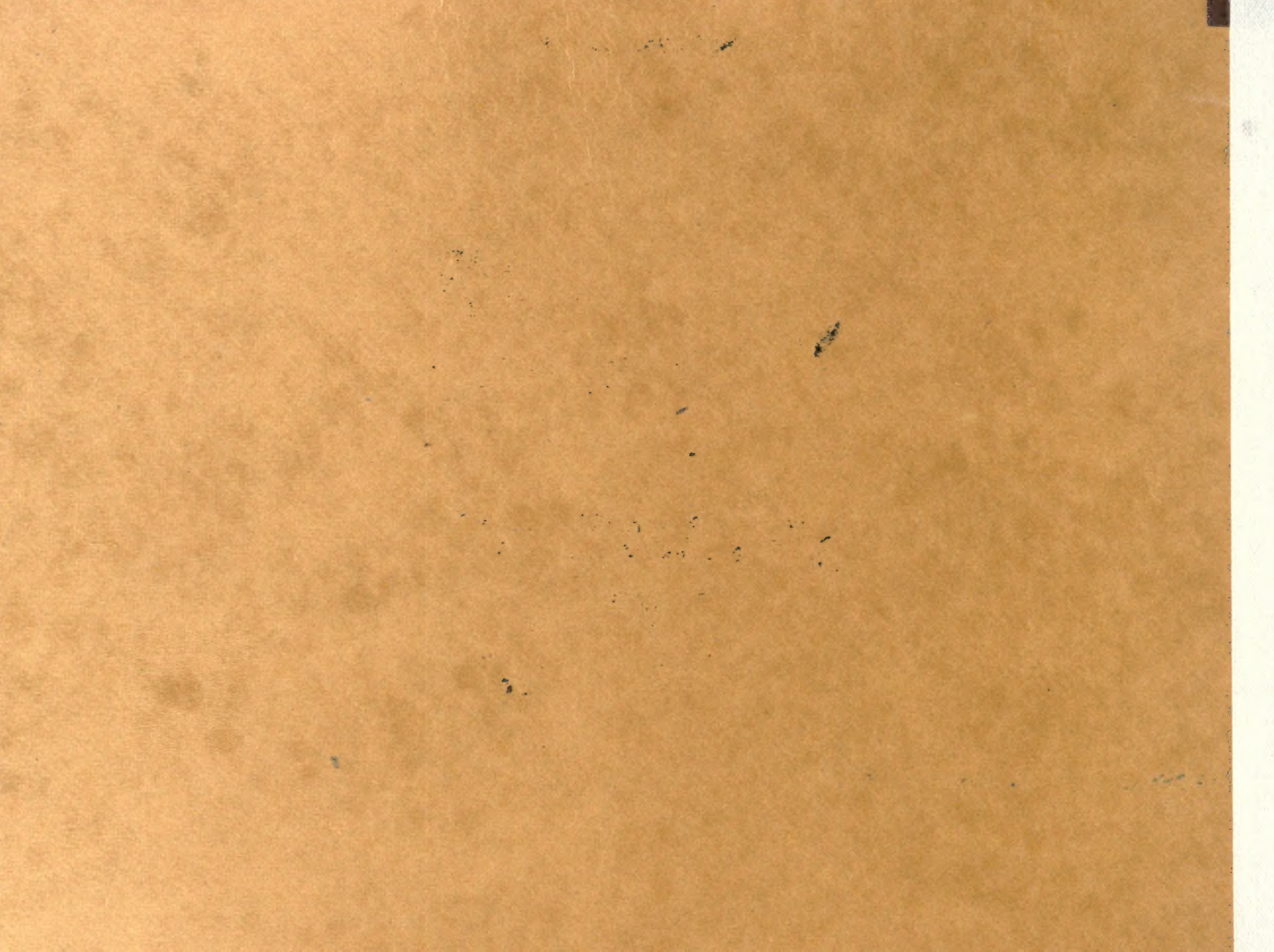
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AN HISTORICAL CALENDAR OF "THE  
OLD AND THE NEW TOWN," 1775-1900

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An Historical  
calendar  
of  
"The old  
and  
The new"  
TOWN.

1775.

1900.







"Our fathers surely provided for us a goodly heritage.

"They cast our lot for us in pleasant places, on these wide sweeping prairies.

"Let us never forget that we are the guardians of its present and its future prosperity."



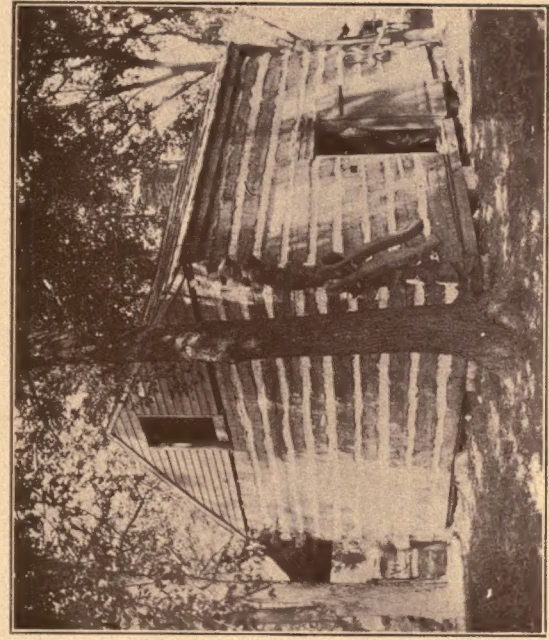




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# JANUARY, 1908



FIRST LOG CABIN IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY. HOME OF HENRY SADORUS  
BUILT IN 1824.

## WEDNESDAY

1

1866. First number of the Champaign County *Journal* published in Urbana.

1860. The custom of making New Year's calls was inaugurated in West Urbana.

## THURSDAY

2

In 1829\* the first window glass was brought to Champaign county.

1833. First court held in Urbana was in an old log stable owned by Colonel Busey.

## FRIDAY

3

1836. Order given for building first court house, to be made of hewn logs 24 feet long.

1868. Rev. and Mrs. G. W. McKinley celebrated their 20th anniversary by a china wedding.

## SATURDAY

4

1839.\* Peter Cartwright preached in the big grove, near Sadorus.

*Note.* \*Indicates that the exact date is unknown.







# JANUARY, 1908

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SATURDAY

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

1859. First baptism in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Patrick, son of Cornelius Sullivan.

1830\*. First white settler died.

A receipt for washing fluid. "Plenty of good clean water and lots of soap."





# JANUARY, 1908

SUNDAY

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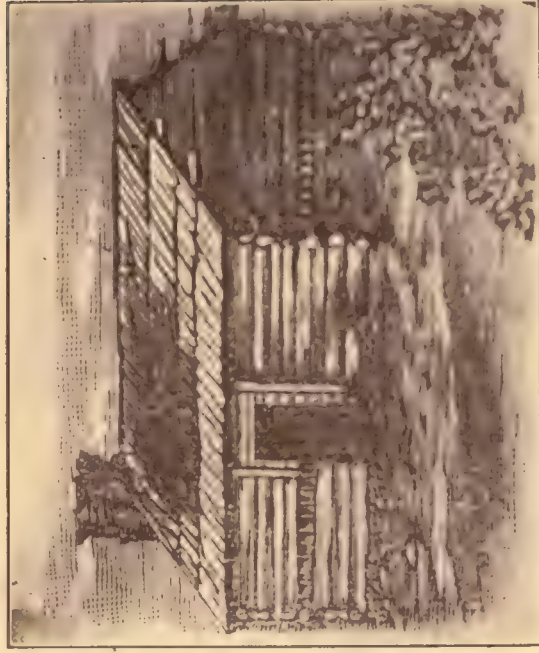
TUESDAY

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1832\*. OLDEST LOG CABIN EXTANT. OWNED BY J. O. CUNNINGHAM.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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1832. FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE BUILT NEAR URBANA. THE WINDOWS WERE MANY AND SMALL, GREASED PAPER WAS USED INSTEAD OF WINDOW GLASS. ASAHEL BRUER, TEACHER.





# JANUARY, 1908

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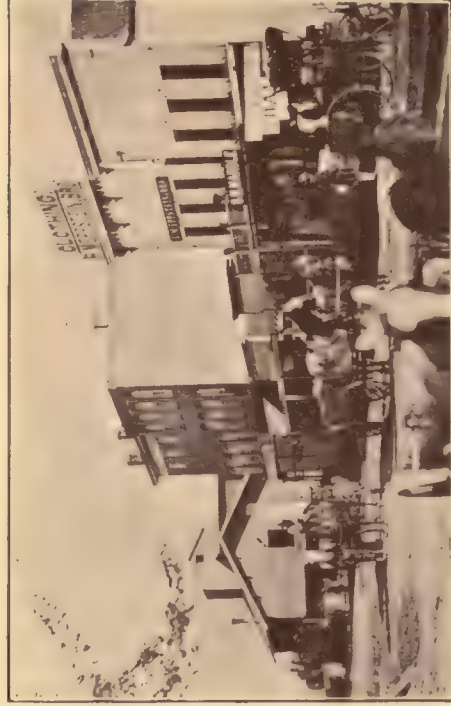
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1841. FIRST BRICK HOUSE BUILT IN URBANA.

1860. The charter members of the Urbana Street Railway Co. met.

1871. The County Horticultural Society met.



MAIN ST., CHAMPAIGN, IN 1865.

1860. Minchrod and Eppstein have one of Singer's Unrivalled Sewing Machines. Any one wishing to see it work, may call.





# JANUARY, 1908

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FEBRUARY  
SATURDAY

1



1854. FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE BUILT IN WEST URBANA. SCHOOL TAUGHT BY DR. SHOEMAKER.



MAIN ST., CHAMPAIGN, IN 1858.

1860. Trowser loons made by T. H. Toby are warranted not to sag, split, hitch up, rip, or bulge at the knee. "Peg tops are all the go."





# FEBRUARY, 1908

SUNDAY

2

MONDAY

3

1809. Illinois constituted a separate territory by act of congress.

“Not without thy wondrous story

Illinois, Illinois,

Can be writ the nation’s glory,

Illinois, Illinois.”

TUESDAY

4



BIG ELM TREE EAST OF BIG FOUR SHOPS, UNDER WHICH ABE LINCOLN  
MADE ONE OF HIS FAMOUS SPEECHES.

WEDNESDAY

5

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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1868. Frederick Douglas lectured here.

1883\*. Great ice and sleet storm.



# FEBRUARY, 1908

SUNDAY

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1858. Lutheran church built.

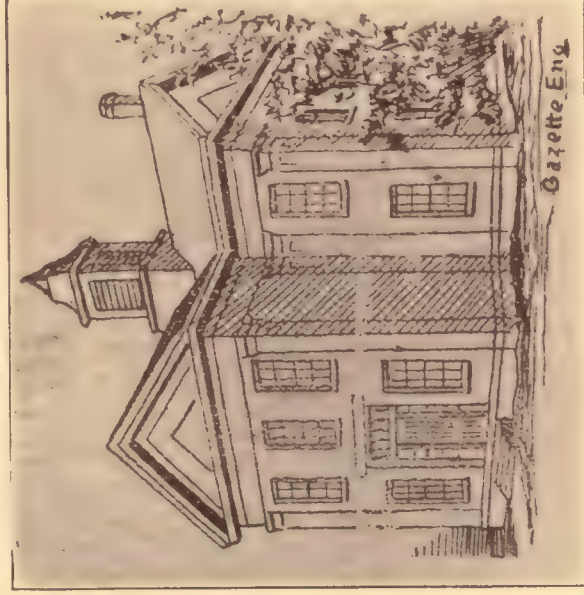
MONDAY

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1886. First year book of Champaign Art Club published.  
1894. First child born in the faith of St. John's Church,  
name Margaret Ludowica Obenlanet.

TUESDAY

11



'LITTLE BRICK,' BUILT IN 1855. FIRST SCHOOL HO. SE WEST OF I. C. R. R.

WEDNESDAY

12

THURSDAY

13

FRIDAY

14

1860. A donation party was held at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. E. O. Chester in West Urbana for the benefit of  
the Rev. Mr. McKinley.

SATURDAY

15

1860. A mass meeting was held at the Little Brick School-  
house for the purpose of adopting a name for the  
township.  
Dr. C. H. Mills drew up the resolution to name it Cham-  
paign.





# FEBRUARY, 1908

SUNDAY

16

1853. Prior to this date the Pioneers "took to the woods" for location, shelter and water.

MONDAY

17

1865. The Industrial College Bill passed the house by vote of 45 to 34.

1860. From minutes of town meeting:—

Dr. J. W. Scroggs moved that the name West Urbana be retained. J. P. Gauch amended the motion, that the name be changed to Champaign. Adopted by vote 36 to 21.

TUESDAY

18

The first mill used in the "Old Town" was made of a short section of an hollow log enclosing an upper and nether millstone, capable of grinding out one bushel an hour.

WEDNESDAY

19

In 1835\* an horse grist mill was made equal to 15 bushels an hour, built by John Brownfield.

1852\*. First tin ware made in Urbana by W. H. Jaques.

1855\*. Wm. J. Foot began the manufacture of brick.

THURSDAY

20

1833. Champaign Co. was created. John F. Richardson of Clark Co., James P. Jones of Coles Co., and Stephen Shelleday of Edgar Co., were appointed and charged with the duty of locating the county seat, to be named Urbana.

Two hickory trees on the public square indicate the location.

FRIDAY

21

1885. Loan Art exhibit held at the Little Brick school-house for one week.

SATURDAY

22

The Indian name for the big grove north of Urbana was Mashaw Montuck.





# FEBRUARY, 1908

SUNDAY

23

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

25

OLD BLACKBERRY DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE.

1895. The original franchise granted to the Home Telephone Company.

WEDNESDAY

26



JULIA F. BURNHAM HOSPITAL.

THURSDAY

27

FRIDAY

28

SATURDAY

29

1839. Dr. John S. Sadler was the first physician in Urbana, excluding the Medicine Man of the Kickapoo Indians.



# MARCH, 1908

## SUNDAY

1

1841. The first hotel was built and owned by a Mr. Bruer, called the Urbana House.

1896. Hotel Beardsley opened; on the same spot once stood the first hotel built in Champaign, called the Dean House; later known as the Olive House.

## MONDAY

2

1856\*. Republican party born. Democrats were always here,

## TUESDAY

3

1869. Valentine Baker shipped ice from Kankakee and began to supply the town.

1868. A mass meeting was held at the Congregational church to plan for a public dinner, on the day of the inauguration of the Industrial University. Another was held at Urbana for the same purpose.

## WEDNESDAY

4

1859. Champaign County Medical Society organized. Drs. Howard, Mills and Miller attended the first meeting.

1899. The Society celebrated its 40th anniversary.

## THURSDAY

5

1895. Julia F. Burnham Hospital opened.

## FRIDAY

6

1826. John Light was appointed first constable in Champaign County, then a part of Vermilion County.

1856. First bank called the Grand Prairie Bank, opened for business on the east side of the track.

1868. John B. Gough lectured on Peculiar People.

## SATURDAY

7

1832\*. Only two school houses in the county.





# MARCH, 1908

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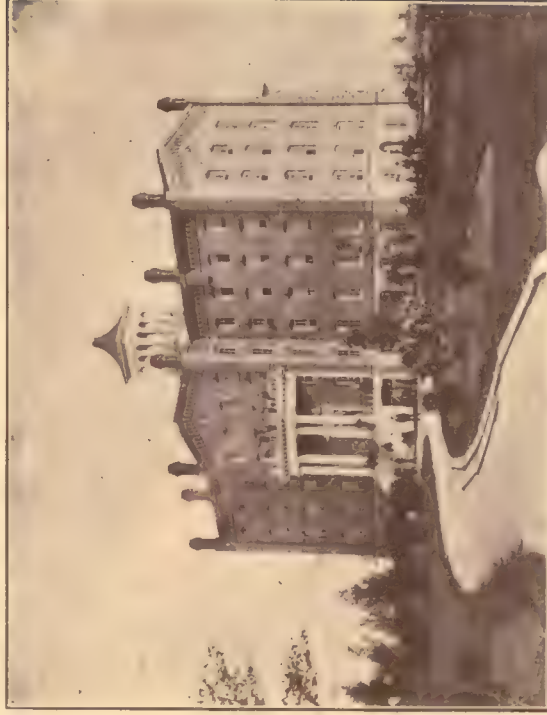
OLDHAM LOG HOUSE, BUILT IN 1860.

1857. Central Illinois *Gazette* printed its first paper. 1860. The *Gazette* mentions new magazines, *Harpers, Atlantic* and *Knickerbocker*.

1868. The Industrial University opened with seventy-seven students, thirteen professors, four assistants, and with J. M. Gregory, L.L.D. as Regent.

Of these only two remain, Vice-President T. J. Burrill and Prof. S. W. Shattuck, in 1907.

1867\*. The Champaign County *Journal* removed to Champaign under the name of Illinois *Democrat*.



OLD DORMITORY.





## MARCH, 1908

SUNDAY

15

1863. Dutch Reformed Church built.

MONDAY

16

1867. The Trustees of the University have selected as Regent, The Hon. John M. Gregory.

TUESDAY

17

1896.\* The Epicurean Club organized.

WEDNESDAY

18

1868. The first Literary Society of the University called The Adelphic was organized.

THURSDAY

19

1858. "The Young Men's Literary Association will discuss License or No License at the Goose Pond Church."

FRIDAY

20

1837. Some Land Grants signed by Martin Van Buren were recorded at the Court House (in Urbana).  
1855. John C. Baddeley was appointed first postmaster, office kept at his store on Neil Street. Later the postoffice was moved to the East Side and soon after Mr. McAlister was appointed postmaster and held the position 25 years.

SATURDAY

21

1854. National House was built; the first one in West Urbana.



# MARCH, 1908

SUNDAY

22



A BIT OF THE ANCIENT SITE OF THE POTTAWOTOMIE VILLAGE IN URBANA.

TUESDAY

24

1833\*. The last of the Kickapoos immigrated to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

WEDNESDAY

25

1819\*. The Indian's title to these lands ended. Sheman-  
gre, an Indian Chief, was born on the site of Urbana.  
His name was affixed to some treaties with the U. S.  
Government.

THURSDAY

26

The Kickapoos claimed this land by descent from their  
ancestors, by conquest from the Illinois Nation, and  
by undisputed possession for more than 50 years.

FRIDAY

27



A REMNANT OF THE OLD KELLY TAVERN.

SATURDAY

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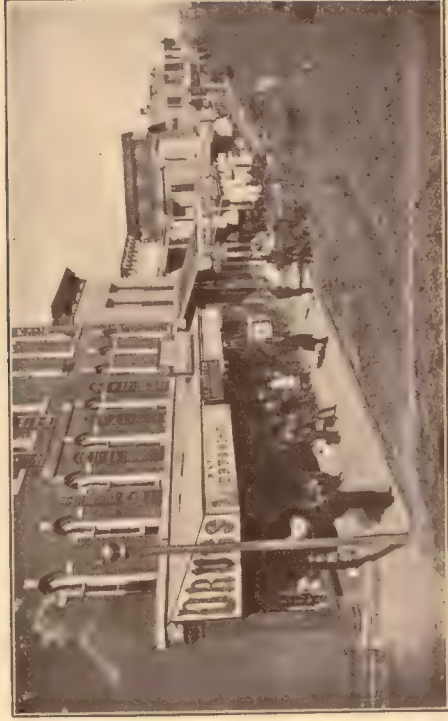
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BARRETT BLOCK, BUILT IN 1865.

1858. The Grand Prairie Bank was discontinued and the business was conducted by the Cattle Bank.

1860. Henry Swannell opened a drug store in Champaign.

1896. A gavel, made from a portion of the flag staff on the Woman's Building at World's Fair 1892-3, presented by Mrs. Anna Clark to the Champaign Art Club.



"Evermore may it stand guard over these homes of ours, teaching perpetual lessons of undying patriotism, heroic self sacrifice and loyalty to truth and faith and duty."



# APRIL, 1908

SUNDAY

5

1852. B. F. Harris organized a Sunday School on his farm. He carried the Sunday School Library books in a red bandana handkerchief every Sunday from his house to the Sunday School. A. O. Howells carried his books in a candle box in a new spring wagon, in Urbana two years later.

1894. The Twin City Ice and Cold Storage Co. commenced the manufacture of ice and distilled water.

MONDAY

6



"In 1832 Henry Sadorus and wife gave a party of three days; the raising of a log barn on the part of the men and to 'quilt' two bed quilts on the part of the women, aside from the cooking."

WEDNESDAY

8

HOME OF C. DUNN, BUILT IN 1850.

1824. Date of Henry Sadorus locating in Champaign Co. An Indian Chief and his braves once gave a series of war dances in token of friendship for the Sadorus family.

THURSDAY

9

1854. A. O. Howells organized a Sunday School in Urbana.

1860. I. G. Ely made the first buggy body ever made in Champaign Co.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

11

A RAVINE ON THE J. O. CUNNINGHAM FARM.





# APRIL, 1908

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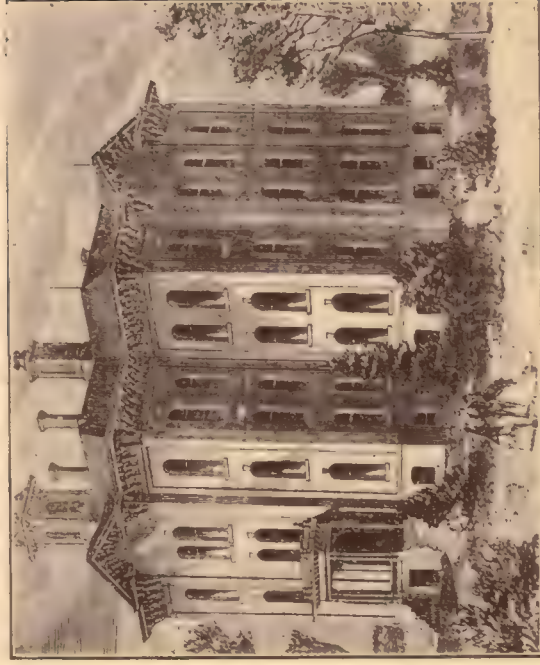
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FRIDAY

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FIRST WEST SIDE HIGH SCHOOL.

1892. Australian Ballot system first used.  
1884. Franchise granted to the Water Co.  
1858. The School Commissioners called a meeting to consider the question of Public Schools—held at the Goose Pond Church. The meeting was for both sides of the track.



RHINEHART'S GRAVEYARD, WHERE ONE HUNDRED PIONEERS WERE BURIED.

"Beneath the roots and tangled weeds,  
Afair in country graveyards lie,  
The men whose unrecorded deeds  
Have stamped this Nation's destiny."

1818. The boundaries of Illinois established by Act of Congress.



## APRIL, 1908

SUNDAY

19

1864. Joseph Kuhn opened a clothing emporium. "Kuhn positively refuses specie payment for goods."

MONDAY

20

1840. The first M. E. Church built in Urbana. The lot cost three dollars. The church was 308 feet.

1856. The second M. E. Church built.



FIRST M. E. CHURCH BUILT IN URBANA IN 1840.

TUESDAY

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A. C. HOWES WAS THE FIRST TO DISCOVER A SUITABLE FUR MANUFACTURING SITE. HE COMMENCED THE MANUFACTURE OF FUR IN THE

SAME YEAR, 1877.





# APRIL, 1908

SUNDAY

26

1857. The village of West Urbana was organized by vote of the people. In '1861\* the name was changed to Champaign.

Why are landseekers in Illinois like fashionable toppers?

Ans. Because they prefer Champa(i)gn(e).—*Urbana Union*, 1857.

MONDAY

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Fountain in the park dedicated May 1, 1899. Edward K e m e y s sculptor.

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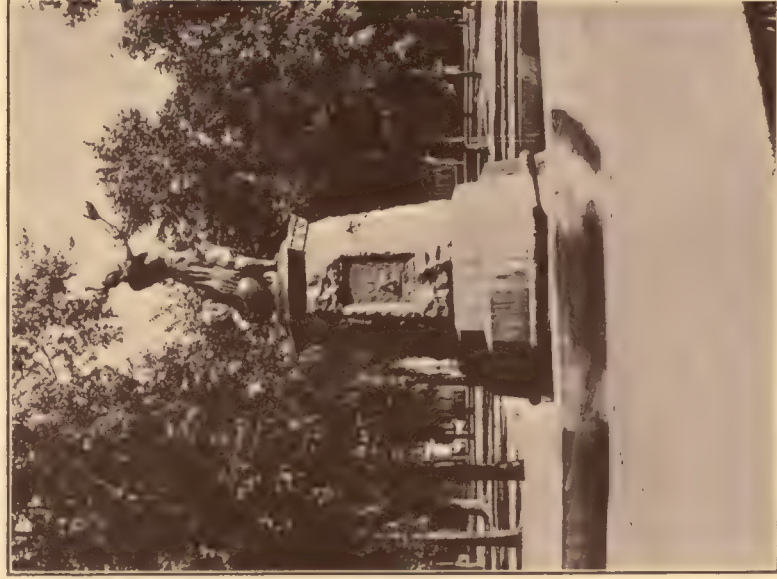
THURSDAY

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MAY

FRIDAY

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ray gave a reception for him in the evening.

## THE PRAYER FOR RAIN.

The Indian paused by the bill's wild crest  
Where the hemlocks throw their shade,  
He looked o'er the land where the burning west  
A river of flame had made.

The suffering Earth was parched and dry  
Neath the fierce Sun's molten glare,  
For drought had drained rivers afar and nigh,  
And a thirst was everywhere.

Then lo! as the Medicine-man on high  
His arms upraised in prayer  
Forth came two beasts from the river-bed dry,  
And pausing, they joined him there.

The first was a panther, cruel and grim,  
The other a wild deer shy;  
And they raised a prayer for rain with him,  
To the Manitou on high.

—EDWARD KEMEYS

SATURDAY

2

1828\*. First orchard planted in Champaign County.

1828. First furrow turned in county.

1871\*. Big Four shops established.



# MAY, 1908

SUNDAY

3

MONDAY

4

1888. The Rev. Anthony Wagner took charge of St. Mary's church.

TUESDAY

5



WEDNESDAY

6

1833. First County Commissioners elected in Urbana—Isaac Busey and George Akers.

THURSDAY

7

1867. The first local trustees of the Industrial University were Dr. J. W. Scroggs, M. L. Dunlap and J. O. Cunningham. The first meeting was held in the old University Building. The first formal meeting was held at Springfield, Ill.

FRIDAY

8

1867. Resolved, that the Illinois Industrial University be, and is hereby permanently located in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

1856. The citizens of Champaign County requested to meet at Urbana to appoint a delegate to the State Anti-Nebraska Convention. A barbecue followed meeting.

SATURDAY

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1898\*. First May-pole dance at the University.





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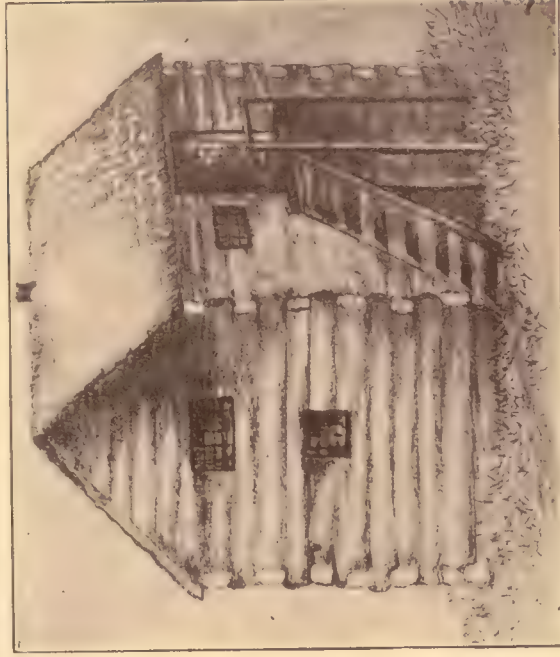
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FRIDAY

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A MEMORY SKETCH BY MR. STIDHAM OF THE OLD LOG JAIL BUILT IN URBANA, 1836\*.

1861\*. J. S. Wolfe was the first man in Champaign County to enroll as a soldier in the 20th Illinois Infantry, organized on above date. Company A—J. S. Wolfe captain, Daniel Bradley first lieutenant, G. W. Kennard second lieutenant.

1857. The beaux and belles of Urbana and West Urbana contemplate going on a picnic excursion to Linn Grove on Saturday next, provided the mercury is not below zero.



CHAMPAIGN HOUSE, THE FIRST HOTEL BUILT IN URBANA. THE UPPER LEFT HAND ROOM ALWAYS OCCUPIED BY ABE LINCOLN WHILE ATTENDING COURT.



MAY, 1908

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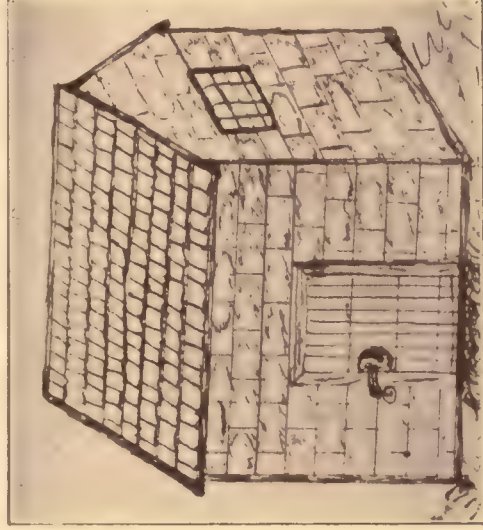
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A MEMORY SKETCH OF "LITTLE STONE JUG" BY E. M. BURR.  
CALABOOSE BUILT IN 1864.

The first paper in West Urbana was the *Spirit of the Agricultural Press*.

1812. Illinois was empowered, by Act of Congress, to elect a Territorial Legislature.



MAIN STREET IN CHAMPAIGN, IN 1860.



MAY, 1908

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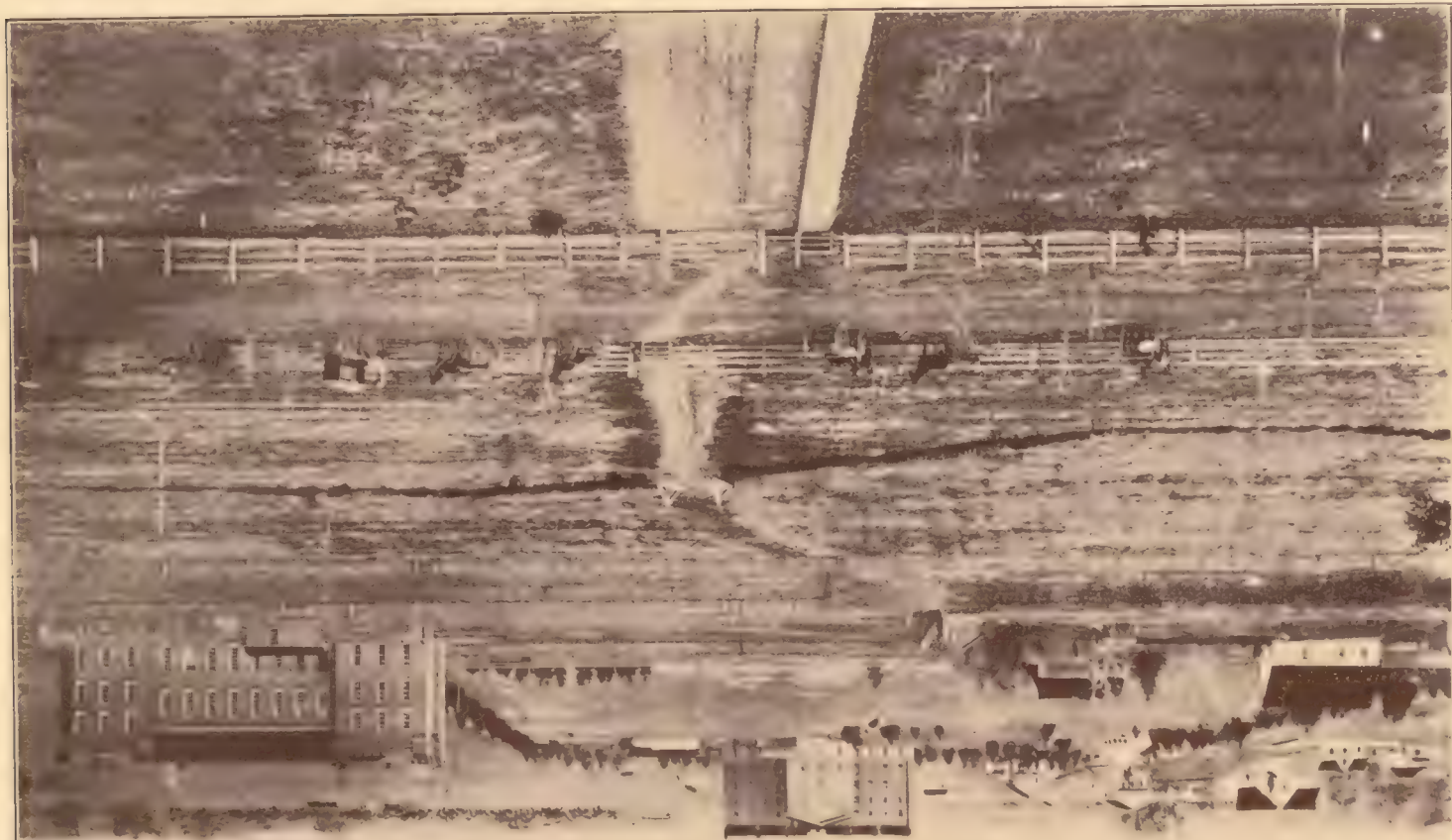


THE MAIN BUILDING IN 1907.





THE INDUSTRIAL UNIVERSITY IN 1868, SHOWING DORMITORY, WORKSHOP,  
GREEN STREET IN THE FOREGROUND, WITH A BIT OF BURRILL AVENUE



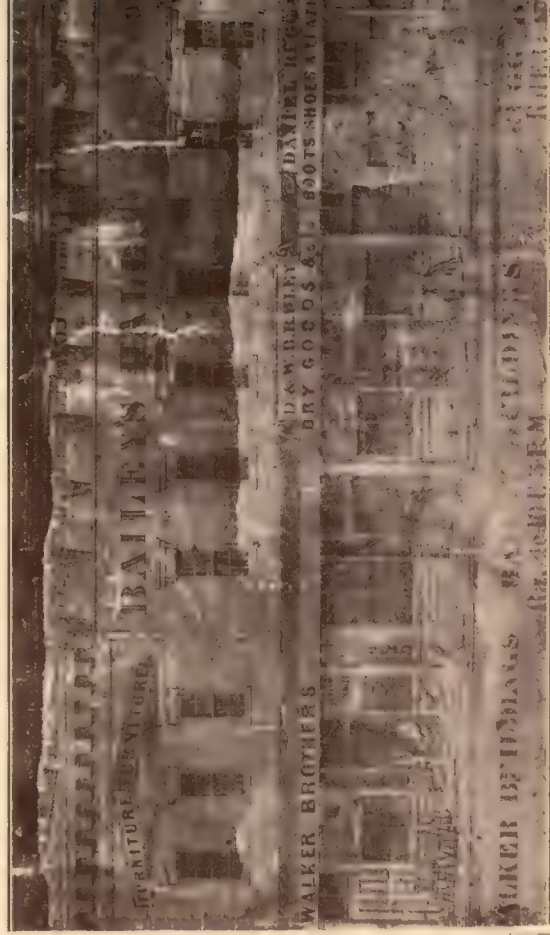


MAY, 1908

SUNDAY

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1858. The Urbana woolen factory put in operation.



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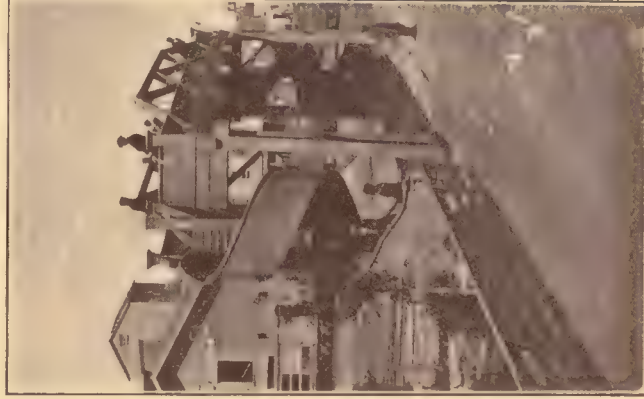
WEDNESDAY

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VIEW OF NEIL STREET, 1858.

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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OLD BRIDGE OVER THE I. C. TRACKS.

1858. Voted no license in West Urbana by 48 majority.





# JUNE, 1908

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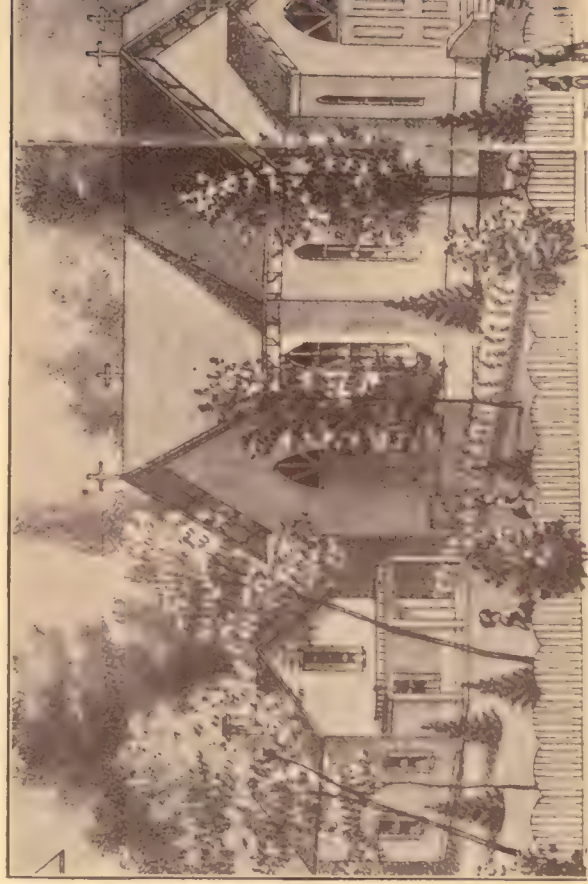
1855. Archa Campbell elected first mayor of Urbana.



1902, AFTER THE WIND STORM.

1888. Corner stone of St. Mary's Church laid. Church built by efforts of the Rev. Anthony Wagner.  
1881. Ordinance for telephone granted.

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SISTERS' HOME AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

1861. Col. J. S. Wolfe mustered into the army for three years.

TUESDAY

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BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1865.  
1856. Abe Lincoln spoke in the Goose Pond Church.  
1882. Col. Nodine Post established. Forty members.



BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1907.  
1833. First deed recorded in Champaign County.  
1833. Isaac Busey, Matthew Busey and W.T. Webber gave  
1863. 33 acres of land for county purposes.  
1863. Little Rebel church built. Old Sammy Shaw gave  
the name on account of differences in politics.



# JUNE, 1908

SUNDAY

21

1833. Record of the location of the town of Urbana made by W. T. Webber, Clerk of County Commissioners.



MONDAY

22

TUESDAY

23

WEDNESDAY

24

THURSDAY

25

1856\*. Presbyterian Church built in Champaign.  
1850\*. First Presbyterian Church organized.

Greet ye all—the Days of Old,  
And their wealth of life unfold.  
Glad of heart, the record read  
Of high courage, faithful deed.  
As men wrought for church and State,  
Giving all, so they be great.  
Years of growth and power ye see,  
Sign and seal of years to be.

FRIDAY

26

1857. The first Teachers' Institute met in Urbana. Pres. T. R. Leal, the only republican in the township. Mr. Leal introduced blackboards into the schools.

SATURDAY

27

1828. First settler, Runnel Fielder, in Urbana.





# JUNE, 1908

SUNDAY

28

1883. The Semi-Centennial Celebration of Champaign County held at Crystal Lake.



CRYSTAL LAKE.

MONDAY

29

TUESDAY

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JULY

WEDNESDAY

1

1884. Water ordinance passed.  
The first physicians locating in Champaign were Drs. R. W. Shoemaker in 1854, H. O. Howard 1855, S. W. Kincaid 1855 and C. H. Mills 1854.

THURSDAY

2

1858. J. G. Clark and J. B. Porterfield obtained the contract from I. C. R. R. to furnish ties, and did so for 10 years for the line south from West Urbana.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

4

1858. Mrs. Fletcher opened a Young Ladies Institute on Neil Street.  
1894. Rev. C. Steurer first resident priest of St. John's Catholic Church.



SUNDAY

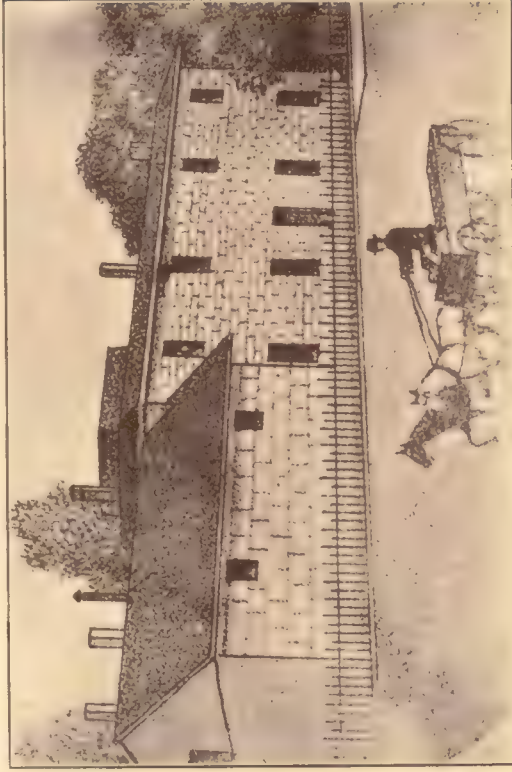
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MONDAY

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THE SECOND JAIL IN URBANA, ERECTED IN 1856.

WEDNESDAY

8

1858. M. R. Dunlap settled at Rural Home; planted an orchard; set out a nursery and protected them by shelter belts of forest trees.

THURSDAY

9

1823. First corn cracker mill erected by James D. Butler.

FRIDAY

10

1850. First steam mill built.

SATURDAY

11

1860\*. E. T. McCann was appointed the first mayor of Champaign.





# JULY, 1908

SUNDAY

12

1853\*. Mark Carley came to Champaign and built the first frame dwelling house.

MONDAY

13

1775. First official notice of the Illinois Country by the Continental Congress, which created of the country Illinois one of three Indian departments.

TUESDAY

14

1853. Depot buildings of Illinois Central Railroad commenced.

WEDNESDAY

15

1875. W. G. Parr started a wholesale business of pressing and shipping baled hay.

THURSDAY

16

1865. Col. J. S. Wolfe mustered out of the army after four years and two months of service.

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1821\*. These prairies were surveyed.

SATURDAY

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1858\*. Sixty acres, lying midway between Urbana and West Urbana, were bought of the Busey heirs as an Exhibition Ground for the Agricultural and Mechanics Association.



# JULY, 1908

SUNDAY

1884. First pavement in Champaign laid on Main street.

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MONDAY

8195. Parochial House built under Rev. Anthony Wagner.

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TUESDAY

1884. Rev. Thos. Keeting sold a tract of land just west of the track on Main St. which had been given to the Roman Catholic Church by Illinois Central R. R. Co., for \$500.

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WEDNESDAY

1857. First trial of reapers was held five miles west of Urbana on the "Arthur farm"—Col. Robt. Stuart, Chairman, M. L. Dunlap, Secretary.

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1856. No. 1, Vol. 1, Our Constitution issued.

THURSDAY

1853.\* For eight months A. P. Cunningham served as post master without the honor of a commission; he brought all the mail from Urbana to West Urbana, for the laborers on the I. C. R. R.

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FRIDAY

"1833. The business center of Champaign was one vast pond where the mud turtle and water moccasin luxuriated; the musquito wound his bugle and the frogs gave a rival symphony." [Copied from a manuscript.]

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SATURDAY

1854. The first train passed over the Illinois Central R. R. from Chicago to West Urbana.

1833. The first marriage license issued by clerk of Champaign County to Malinda Busey and John Bryan. The officiating magistrate was Moses Thomas.

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# JULY, 1908

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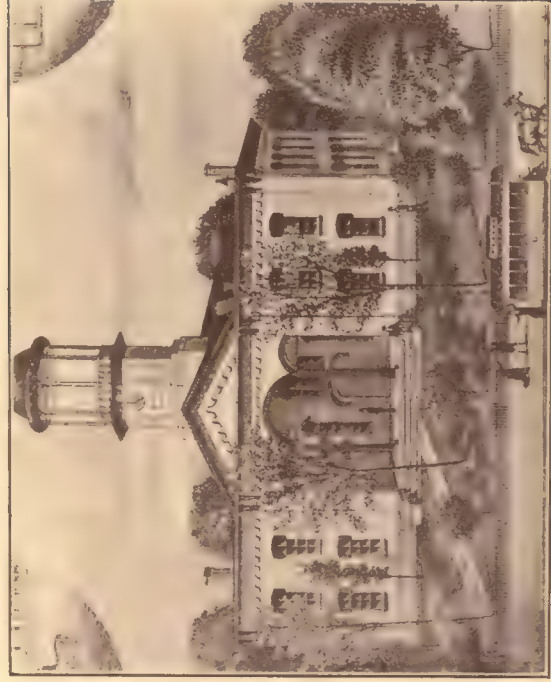
FRIDAY

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AUGUST

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SECOND COURT HOUSE BUILT IN URBANA.

1835. F. L. Scott settled on the Sangamon. The trail between this settlement and Urbana was so very circuitous that he took a plow and team and ran a straight furrow to Urbana. Along the line of this furrow was formed the Bloomington Road.

1858\*. J. R. Scott's father came here from Kentucky, bringing his slaves with him. Their little cabins were standing on the old Scott farm as late as 1872.

1832. Beginning of the organization of Champaign County.

1868. Fire destroyed entire block between Market and Walnut streets and University Avenue.





# AUGUST, 1908

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ST. MARY'S CONVENT.

1880. The Rev. Thomas Keeting came to St. Mary's Catholic Church -Built St. Mary's Convent in 1885.

1863\*. First National Bank established. B. F. Harris was made president in that year.

1862. Governor Yates commissioned S. T. Busey to recruit a company.

1867\*. Busey Bros. bank organized.

1891 to 1893. S. T. Busey was member of Congress.

1861. Abraham Lincoln authorized Col. Coler to organize the 25th regiment of Illinois Volunteers. Col. Coler first commander, T. D. Williams second, C. P. Ford third, R. D. Nodine fourth, and last, for whom Nodine Post was named.

1858\*. J. P. White built old B. F. Harris house.



# AUGUST, 1908

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1867.\* First fire company organized.

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BURNHAM ATHENAEUM.





SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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1863. First street car from Urbana to Champaign drawn by a pair of mules.

1854. Carrying mail from Chicago to Urbana by railroad. Carrying by stage coach abandoned.

TUESDAY

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OLD OHIO TAVERN ON BLOOMINGTON ROAD.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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In early days the wolves howled so near at night one could see the glare of their eyes.

FRIDAY

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1862. The 73d Infantry recruited from Champaign county.

SATURDAY

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1858. "I Douglas and I for the first time this caucus crossed swords here yesterday; the fire flew some, and I am glad to know I am yet alive." Extract of letter to J. O. Cunningham from Abe Lincoln.



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WEST SIDE PARK.

1851. A stalk of the new plant called the Chinese Sugar Cane brought into the office of Urbana *Union*—Now known as Sorghum.

1863. A frost practically ruined the corn, which rose in price from twelve cents to one dollar a bushel. The next morning B. F. Harris seeing the situation bought most of the corn between here and Bloomington.



# AUGUST, 1908

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1872. The *Illinois Democrat* changed its name to *Champaign Times*.

A bit of the old  
Indian trail near  
Rhinehart's grave-  
yard, northeast from  
Urbana.



1862. Gov. Richard Yates appointed Dr. C. H. Mills surgeon of the 125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

1858.\* Mr. E. O. Chester had his first and last case in September term of Circuit Court. Abe Lincoln was lawyer for plaintiffs and lost his case.





# SEPTEMBER, 1908

SUNDAY

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1867\*. Burnham, Trevett & Mattis Bank organized.

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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1851. Election held in Urbana. Voted 25 to 1 Urbana town be incorporated.

WEDNESDAY

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1858\*. On the last day of the fair occurred a plowing match and a Ladies' riding match, the last open to all horsewomen of Illinois.

THURSDAY

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1833\*. The last of the Kickapoos emigrated to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

1873. Park Street Congregational Church destroyed by fire.



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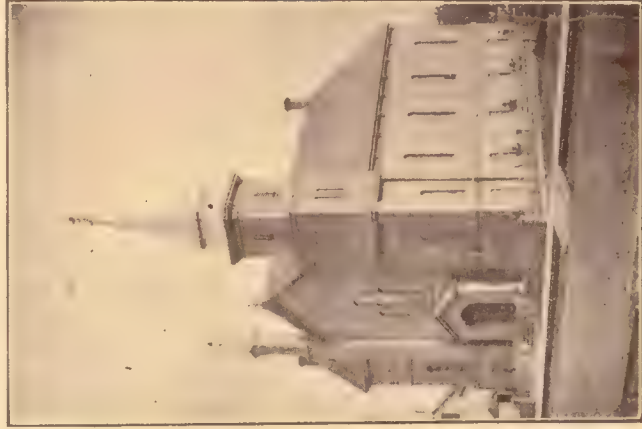
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1897. Death of A. C. Burham, who came to Champaign in 1862.

MONDAY

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Park St. Congregational Church, destroyed by fire in 1873.



WEDNESDAY

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1865. Land grant signed by Andrew Jackson.  
1866. Park Street Congregational Church dedicated.

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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1856. Political meeting held at Urbana, followed by a barbecue, and although several animals were cooked the food supply ran out. Abaham Lincoln sat at the head of the long table.

SATURDAY

19

1878. Rev. G. W. Pierce resigned his pastorate of Congregational Church.

1901. Memorial services to the late President McKinley.



# SEPTEMBER, 1908

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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1865. The 25th regiment of Illinois volunteers organized and commanded by residents of the twin cities mustered out.

TUESDAY

22

1872. Rev. G. W. Pierce accepted a call to the Congregational Church.

WEDNESDAY

23

1858. Senator Douglas (known as the "Little Giant") spoke in Urbana, introduced by A. E. Harmon of West Urbana.

1900. Presbyterian Church celebrated its 50th anniversary. Rev. C. N. Wilder preached the sermon.

THURSDAY

24

1858. A Republican rally—Abraham Lincoln spoke in the Goose Pond church.

FRIDAY

25

1852. First issue of the *Urbana Union*—W. N. Coler and H. K. Davis, editors and proprietors.

SATURDAY

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1858\*. J. G. Clark and Mr. Porterfield obtained the contract from the I. C. R. R. to furnish ties, and did so for 10 years for the entire line south of here.





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MAIN ST., CHAMPAIGN, IN 1860.

1823\*. First corncracker mill built by J. D. Butler.

1850\*. Legislature granted 3,000,000 acres of land to the Illinois Central railroad company.

1890\*. Electric car made first trip.

1901\*. Interurban cars run to Danville.

1885\*. First use of electric lights.

1869\*. First use of gas in the city.



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ONE OF THE OLDEST HOUSES IN CHAMPAIGN, NOW OWNED BY JOSEPH KUHN—  
SACRED AS HAVING SHELTERED ABE LINCOLN, DURING CIRCUIT COURT.

1852\*. First Fair held in court house square.

1855\*. First Fair grounds were four blocks south of court  
house.

1765. France ceded these prairies to England.

1784. England ceded these prairies to the United States.



# OCTOBER, 1908

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1858. Beginning of sale of these swamp lands—"These prairies can never be anything but cattle ranges. You must have fire wood."—Sold at \$1.25 to \$6.00 per acre.

MONDAY

12

1854. Illinois Central Lands put on sale.

1854. John C. Baddeley opened a store at the depot.

TUESDAY

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1858. Hon. Owen Lovejoy gave a political address at the court house.

WEDNESDAY

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1833\*. Wm. T. Webber located in Urbana Township. He donated 20 acres of land upon which the city of Urbana was founded.

THURSDAY

15

1856. An emergency meeting called to provide the salary for the pastor of Goose Pond Church. \$350 and a yoke of oxen, raised; "and that, too, within our own membership."

FRIDAY

16

1859. Col. McCarty and Hon. Joseph Peters gave address at Bailey Hall.

SATURDAY

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A Mr. Walters amassed a fortune pulling teams out of mud at 5 pints in the early fifties.





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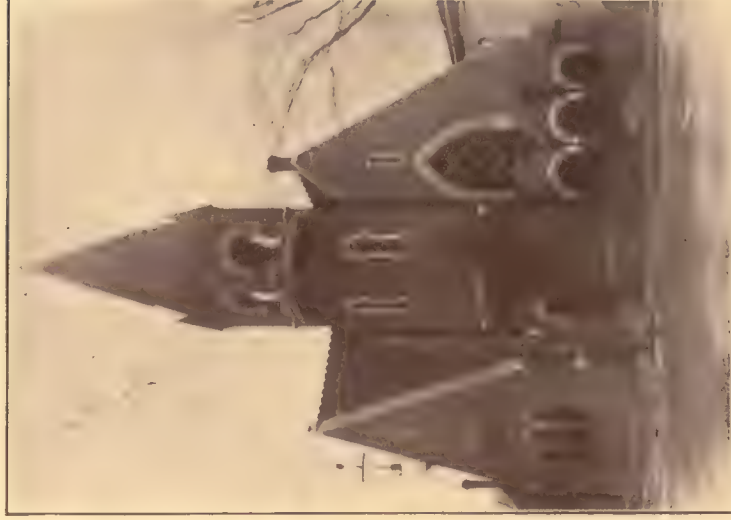
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1882. Cham-  
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SECOND M. E. CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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1858\*. Wm. R. Arthur was made superintendent of the  
entire line of the I. C. R. R.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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1854. Abraham Lincoln delivered one of his famous  
speeches in the Lincoln-Douglas debates, in Urbana.



# OCTOBER, 1908

1895. Cunningham Deaconess Home opened.

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1888. St. Mary's Catholic Church dedicated by Bishop Spaulding.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

1876. "Art Club" of Champaign organized. President Mrs. Anna Clark, Vice President, Mrs. Jonathan Bacon.



# NOVEMBER, 1908

SUNDAY

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1853. Congregational Church organized at home of Moses P. Snelling with a membership of seven. In 1855 they built their first church, known as the Goose Pond church, 24x40 feet not including belfry. Covenant and creed adopted. In 1854 it was revised and the church stood boldly against slavery. In 1858 the first bell for meeting house bought.

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1870. Hon. J. W. Langley chosen first State Senator from Champaign County.

THURSDAY

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1833. First license to sell goods and merchandise granted to J. H. Alexander of Urbana. Goods brought from Philadelphia by railroad, boat, oxcart and wagon.





# NOVEMBER, 1908

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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1854. Prairie fire occurred over ground now occupied by Champaign.

TUESDAY

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1853. "Champaign against the world."—Taken from the *New York Tribune*. The best lot of common blooded cattle on exhibition at the World's Fair, were those taken to the New York market by B. F. Harris of Champaign county, Ill.—*Urbana Union*.

1904. B. F. Harris, now a veteran of more than 92 years, still keeps up his reputation as a producer of the best beef cattle.—Champaign *Times*.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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1826. Only two voting precincts in Champaign county.

FRIDAY

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1833. A Meteoric Shower. "Stars fell."

SATURDAY

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THE REV. FATHER TONER CAME TO THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN 1866 AND BUILT THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL IN 1874.

1859. A trial of the Fawk's plow given.



COUNTY POOR FARM HOUSE BUILT IN 1866\*.

1867. The first stamped envelopes used here.

1866. First Public Library organized in Champaign.



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GRAND

Inauguration Ball,

IN HONOR OF

HONEST OLD ABE.

To be Given March 4th, 1864,

AT THE

DOANE HOUSE.

CHAMPAIGN CITY . . . ILLINOIS.

Yourself and Lady are Respectfully Solicited to Attend.

COMMITTEE

N. BEASLEY, Champaign	{	A. BERRY, Champaign
Wm. OLIVER, do		J. DUNLAP, Urbana.
GEO. SCROGGS, do		E. SHERMAN, do

MUSIC BY CLARK'S QUADRILLE BAND.

None but those invited will be admitted.

**BILL, \$1.25**

1867. Dr. Gregory preached the Thanksgiving sermon in the Congregational church—that being the only one large enough.





# NOVEMBER, 1908

SUNDAY

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In 1856\* a herd of sixty deer were counted in a single line near the Sangamon timber.

MONDAY

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In 1869 and 1870 Hon. Abel Harwood was a member of the convention that framed the present constitution of the State of Illinois.

DECEMBER  
TUESDAY

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1858. Daniel Rugg came to Champaign. He built the "Metropolitan block" in 1872. He opened the first shoe store.

1882. The Champaign National Bank opened for business.

WEDNESDAY

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1850. Several old land grants were filed in the recorder's office at the Court House, signed by Millard Fillmore.

THURSDAY

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1818. Illinois admitted into Union.

1836. Isaac Busey and Jonathan Osborn were appointed to locate a state road from Urbana to Bloomington. Mr. Osborn was granted a license to keep a ferry on the Sangamon where the state road crossed it. Rates for ferrying: one man  $6\frac{1}{4}$  cents, one horse  $6\frac{1}{4}$  cents, one head of cattle  $6\frac{1}{4}$  cents, sheep or hogs 3 cents per head.

FRIDAY

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1834. First tavern opened in Urbana by Israel Knap.



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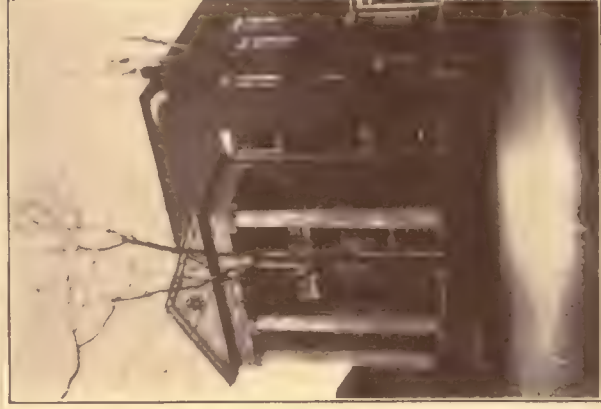
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FRIDAY

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ELK AUDITORIUM.

1832\*. Meeting of the Eighth General Assembly.

1865\*. Urbana Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar organized.

1859. Memorial services of "Old Ossawatimie" Brown (John Brown) held in Congregational church.

1834. Henry Sadorus made the first entry of land in Champaign County. At this time no matches to be had; fire only possible by flint and steel.

1874\*. I. O. O. F. instituted by P. G. R. G. W. Ravens of Ottawa, Ill. Rev. S. K. Reed, Chaplain.



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CHURCH STREET.

1867. A Mrs. Kent lectured on woman's suffrage.

1890. Constitution of Art Club adopted.

The first U. S. Surgeon for Pension examinations in this county was Dr. Winston Somers of Urbana, who received his appointment during the Civil War and retained it till his death in 1871, when Dr E. A. Kratz succeeded to the place and continued therein till about 1880.





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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BUILT IN 1867.

1855. "Our compliments to Mr. J. O. Cunningham and lady, respectfully solicit the pleasure of your company at our home, on Tuesday, January 1st at 7 o'clock p.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell." (Copy of an old invitation.)

1858. The first marriage in St. Mary's Catholic Church—Patrick McCarty and Mary Graham.

1850. The flaxbrake, hetchel and flax wheel, hand cards, spinning wheel and hand loom were found in almost every house.



# DECEMBER, 1908

1887. Sons of Veterans organized.

SUNDAY

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William Hays, Born  
Sept. 8, 1765, Died  
Jan. 2, 1852. Soldier  
of the Revolution.

TUESDAY

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1877\*. Henry Ward Beecher lectured at the University.

THURSDAY

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1897. Dr. C. B. Johnson was appointed a member of the  
State Board of Health and was president for three  
years.

Dr. J. M. Gregory Regent (President) of the University  
of Illinois, was a member of the State Board of Health  
for some years subsequent to, and dating from its or-  
ganization in 1877. Dr. Gregory was not a physician.

"Illinois, though young in statehood, reaches back for two  
hundred years in interesting annals and they are con-  
nected with religious orders; for the crucifix and not  
the sword was the weapon of the advance guard, that  
took possession of this vast prairie state."



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